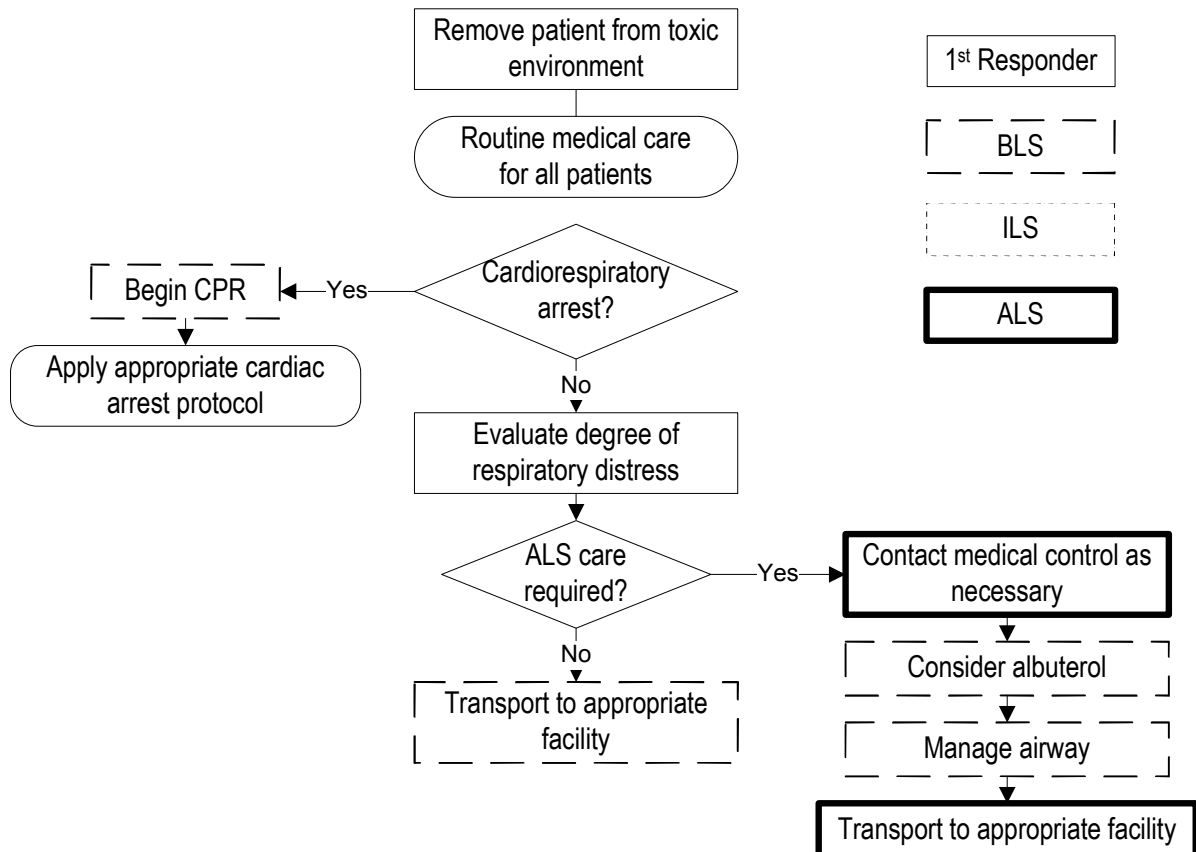


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
STANDARD OF CARE  
INHALATION INJURY**

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
History of exposure to smoke or chemicals	Burns to face, chest or mouth Carbonaceous sputum Singed nasal hair Dyspnea Altered level of consciousness	Inhalation injury



**NOTES:**

- Adult patients ( $\geq 8$  years old) who suffered burns with an inhalation injury are to be transported to the Burn Center.
- All patients with suspected CO poisoning with altered mental status and *without* associated burns or trauma should be transported to the closest hyperbaric chamber.
- Pediatric patients ( $< 8$  years old) who suffered burns with an inhalation injury are to be transported to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.
- Pediatric patients ( $< 8$  years old) with suspected inhalation burn are to be transported to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.
- If a fire victim has ROSC, hypotension or altered consciousness, evaluate for possibility of cyanide poisoning and consider administration of hydroxocobalamin (refer to Cyanide Poisoning protocol).